Incidents of Fire in Railway coaches

280. SHRIMATI KAMLA MANHAR: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the incidents of fire in Railway coaches while running/ standing at station yards during the last two years and till date this year, zone-wise, year-wise and train-wise;

(b) the loss suffered by the Railways in these fire incidents, train-wise;

(c) the number of persons booked for sabotage activities alongwith the number of members of Railway staff and RPF booked for negligence in these fire incidents;

(d) by when investigation is likely to be completed in all these fire incidents; and

(e) the measures taken to check the recurrence of such fire incidents?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) and (b) The details of incidents of fire in Railway coaches while running/standing at Station/Yards, date-wise, zone-wise with trains and coaches and loss suffered by the railways during the year 2003 and 2004 (till date) is placed at Statement-I (*See* below).

(c) The details of persons booked for sabotage activities alongwith railway staff and RPF personnel booked for negligence in the fire incidents is placed at Statement-II. (*See* below)

(d) The cases are under investigation by concerned Government Railway Police.

(e) Following preventive measures are being taken by the Railways to prevent recurrence of such fire incidents:—

(1) Padlocking of rake coaches jointly by C&W and RPF staff

has been started. All coaches remain under lock when not under maintenance and the same are opened when the rake are placed at platforms for occupation by passengers.

(2) Identity cards have been issued to all the Railway staff working at stations, yards and washing lines.

(3) Extensive counselling of the staff working at stations, yards and washing lines has been carried out to sensitize them against the miscreant activities at their work place.

(4) Intensive investigations are on, in coordination with GRP, to apprehend the miscreants/gang responsible for the fire incidents in the coaches.

(5) RPF/GRP and Civil Police staff in plain clothes are detailed to keep a constant watch over anti-social elements to prevent and detect persons responsible for the fire incidents.

(6) All railway staff have been advised to check entry of unauthorised persons at yards/working lines/platforms and hand over the trespassers or unauthorised persons to the police, particularly those loitering around in suspicious circumstances.

(7) Fire fighting equipment, including Fire Extinguishers and fire hydrants, is being kept in working order.

(8) Intensive drives have been conducted against unauthorized persons in Delhi area during the affected period.

(9) Short term and long term security plans have been prepared for access control in the station area.

Statement-I

Details of incidents of fire in Railway coaches while running/standing at station/yards, date-wise, zone-wise with trains and coaches and loss suffered by the Railways during the year 2003 and 2004 (till date).

Sl. No.	Railway	Date of occurrence	Train No. and place of occurrence	Value of property damaged (In Rs.)	Details of Police investigation
1.	Northeast Frontier	05.01.03	One coach of train No. 5647 Dadar Exp. between Patliadah and Surbhog stations	27,50,000	No case was registered by Police since no criminal activity was proved.
2.	East Central	18.02.03	8449 Puri-Patna Exp. stabled at Patna Yard	10,80,000	Under Investigation by Govt. Railway Police Patna.
3.	East Central	18.03.03	Coach No. ER-6982 stabled at Patna Yard	—	Final report submitted.
4.	Eastern	26.03.03	Coach No. GSCN-99306AB at coaching Yard Bhagalpur	Not ascertained	FIR lodged at Govt. Railway Police Bhagalpur.
5.	Eastern	28.03.03	Condemned coach No. RNMM-0806 at Tikiapara yard	Not ascertained	FIR lodged at Govt. Railway Police Howrah
6.	Eastern	10.04.03	SLR No. ER 92732 at Tikiapara yard	7,000	FIR lodged at Govt. Railway Police Howrah
7.	Northern	15.05.03	Coaches of 2903 Golden temple Mail in Ludhiana—Ladhowal section	1.52 Crore	Under Investigation by Govt. Railway Police Ludhiana.
8.	South Eastern	29.05.03	SLR of 3287 Bilaspur-Danapur Exp. Between Kansbhal and Kalunga station	50,00,000	No case was registered by Police since no criminal activity was proved.
9.	Eastern	19.06.03	AC coach No. ER 99181A at MR shop Bhar (Bally)	31,99,000	FIR lodged at Bally Police station

Sl. No.	Railway	Date of occurrence	Train No. and place of occurrence	Value of property damaged (in Rs.)	Details of Police investigation
10.	Southern	25.06.03	One coach of 194 Renigunta-Arakkonam Passenger between Renigunta and Pudi stations	20,000	No case was registered by Police since no criminal activity was proved.
11.	Eastern	25.08.03	2 AC coaches of 2024 Patna-Howrah Shatabdi Exp. near Gurap station	30,00,000	FIR lodged at Govt. Railway Police Kamarkundu.
12.	Eastern	10.11.03	SLR of train No. 3413 at Sakrigali station	6,00,000	FIR lodged at Govt. Railway Police Sakrigali
13.	Northern	10.11.03	Coaches of 4025 Kaifiat Exp. at Delhi Main	80,00,000	Under Investigation by Delhi Railway Police.
14.	Northern	21.11.03	Coaches of 4055 Bramhaputra Mail at Delhi Washing Line	50,00,000	Under Investigation by Delhi Railway Police.
15.	Northern	3.12.03	SLR of 7 RD Rewari-Delhi passenger at Delhi Shahdara station	20,400	Under Investigation by Delhi Railway Police.
16.	Northern	6.12.03	One coach each of 2951 Mumbai Rajdhani Exp. and 2801 Purushottam Exp. at New Delhi Washing Line.	11,00,000	Under Investigation by Delhi Railway Police.
17.	Northern	18.12.03	One coach of 2801 Purushottam Exp. and 3 coaches of 2417 Prayag Raj Exp. at New Delhi Washing Line	16,15,000	Under Investigation by Delhi Railway Police.

18.	Northern	05.01.04	5 coaches of 4229 Lucknow Mail at Delhi Sarairohilla	50,00,000	Under Investigation by Delhi Railway Police.
19.	Northern	08.01.04	One coach of 2915 Ashram Exp. at Delhi Main	35,00,000	Under Investigation by Delhi Railway Police.
20.	Central	17.02.04	2 coaches stabled at Kalyan Yard	1,80,000	No case was registered by Police since no criminal activity was proved.
21.	North Eastern	03.03.04	2 coaches of 5264 Down at Babhanan	20,00,000	Civil Police submitted Charge sheet against 9 persons.
22	Central	27.03.04	Coach No. CR90894WFC at Dadar Yard	1,50,000	No case was registered by Police since no criminal activity was proved.
23.	Northern	04.04.04	1 DPM Delhi Panipat passenger at Sandal Kalan	23,00,000	Govt. Railway Police submitted untraced report to SP/GRP/ Ambala
24.	Northern	05.04.04	3 coaches of 3483 Farakka Exp. between Delhi-Dayabasti	10,000	Under Investigation by Delhi Railway Police.
25.	North Eastern	19.04.04	2 coaches of 177 UP passenger at Bareilly yard	1,48,785	No case was registered by Police since no criminal activity was proved.
26.	South Central	30.05.04	7605 Nandigram Exp. at Nanded	6,00,000	Case in under investigation by Govt. Railway Police Purna.
27.	Southern	11.06.04	SLR of 2625 Kerala Exp. between Guidyattam and Kavanur stations	66,940	No case was registered by Police since no criminal activity was proved.

Statement-II

Details of persons booked for sabotage activities alongwith railway staff and RPF personnel booked for negligence in the fire incidents

Sl. No.	Railway	Date of occurrence	Place of occurrence	Number of RPF/ Railway Staff booked for negligence	Action taken
1.	Northern	1.12.02	Shahjahanpur	2 Railway staff	Awarded punishment
2.	Northern	21.11.03	Delhi washing line	2 RPF staff	-do-
3.	Northern	6.12.03	New Delhi washing line	1 RPF staff	-do-
4.	Northern	18.12.03	New Delhi washing line	5 RPF staff	-do-
5.	Northern	5.1.04	DEE/PF-4	1 RPF staff	Transferred
6.	Northern	8.1.04	DLI/PF-16	3 RPF staff	One transferred and 2 were punished.

Details of vacancies in the post of General Manager

281. SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of posts of General Managers lying vacant in various zones of the India Railways;

(b) since when each G.M. post is lying vacant;

(c) what steps Government are taking to fill the vacancies in various zones of the country; and

(d) the details of General Managers holding additional charge and who are on *ad hoc* basis?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a), (b) and (d) The details of posts of General Managers